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IMPROVEMENT PROSPECTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 26.
The International Cotton Bulletin says that the trade cotton goods in Britain is mostly unimproved and that the prospect of an appreciable improvement is not apparent. It urges that the utmost efforts be taken to increase supplies everywhere, as, if demand increases, the scarcity will be the cause of inability to take full advantage thereof. The paper points out that whereas most of the English mills ran 24 hours weekly, the Japanese ran 19 daily.

INDIAN QUESTION.

SAPRU SUGGESTS SCHEMES.

POONA, December 26.

Sir R. Sapru in a presidential address to the All India National Liberal Congress urged the need of strong government action in respect of the Indians in South Africa. He suggested the raising of a tariff against South African coal, and a reduction of freights on Indian coal, thereby encouraging the local coal industry. He emphasised that the Liberals would not tolerate revolutionaries but recognised the desirability of extending constitutional reforms.

REPARATIONS.

COMMITTEES TO MEET.

PARIS, December 26.

The Reparation Commission has decided to send out invitations to members of the expert committees. Sir R. Kindersley replaces Mr. H. Norman. The third American will be the Los Angeles banker, Mr. Henry Robinson. The first committee meets on January 14, the second on January 21, in order to enable Mr. Robinson to reach Paris from California.

AMERICAN NEWS.

FRANC FALLS.

NEW YORK, December 26.

The French franc declined on the Foreign Exchange Market to 49½. It is asserted that the fall below five cents which is most exceptional, has influenced the increased demand for dollars in Paris.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

HOW BRITAIN SPENT IT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 26.

Holiday weather varied throughout the country. It was chiefly wet and dismal in London, but there was plenty of snow in the Midlands and North. More holiday goers than ever departed to different parts of Britain, a goodly proportion of whom went to seaside hotels and boarding houses where ready-made meals and festivities were obtainable. Similarly there was a large influx to the metropolis of county families who were making Xmas a time for visiting town. The West-end hotels were full and vied with one another to provide attractions and novel forms of pleasure.

SHIPPING LAWS.

WASHINGTON, December 26.

President Coolidge has asked Mr. Jones, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, to submit recommendations for the extension of coastwise shipping laws from the United States to the Philippines which under the existing Merchant Marine Law is done by Presidential Proclamation whenever American shipping facilities are deemed adequate; thereafter only American ships are permitted to engage in trade between the United States and the Philippines. It is understood that both the Commerce Committee and the Shipping Board regard American shipping facilities sufficient. The late President Harding refused to issue a proclamation on the ground that it might conflict with the number of existing Treaties, whereof the United States was a party. President Coolidge also invited Mr. Jones to prepare a memorandum with a view to a new policy of administration of the Government-owned merchant fleet.—Reuter's American Service.

THE "DIXMUDE"

EXPERTS' OPINION.

PARIS, December 26.

Air experts opine that the "Dixmude" descended either at sea or in the desert, owing to lack of fuel. Meanwhile it is hoped some "aboard" escaped in the dirigible carried by the ship. Chutes, lifebuoys, arms and ammunition, and a week's food and water were also carried by the ship.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.

ANNUAL SOCCER MATCH.

Victory by the odd goal in five was the result of yesterday's annual charity soccer match between teams representing England and Scotland. There was a fair attendance. The line-up was as follows:—

England.—Douglas (Surrey's); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Peter (Surrey's), Hudson (Tamar) and Lelliott (R.G.A.); Charlesworth and Eaton (Surrey's), Johnson (Police), Nash (R.A.M.C.) and Mackleworth (Surrey's).

Scotland.—Stewart (Kowloon); Gerrard (Club) and McKelvie (Kowloon); Mair, J. Stewart and McPhail (Club); Bolneaves (Ambrose), Forsyth (Club), Begg (Club), Hood (Ambrose) and Duncan (Kowloon).

Referee: Mr. Smith. Linesmen: Messrs. Clark (Scotland) and Howarth (England).

England won the toss and Begg kicked off for Scotland. After eight minutes' play the Scots goal was beaten when going out to clear from an English centre-forward and Nash headed into an empty goal. Half-time arrived with the score one-nil in England's favour.

In the second half, Charlesworth increased England's lead but Begg made it 2-1 with a well-directed shot. Hands were given against Wynne but Begg sent wide. After this Charlesworth centred well and Eaton scored from twenty-yards' range, again increasing the lead. A slip by Douglas made the score 3-2 and there was no further scoring.

DIVORCE UNKNOWN.

DEVOTEES OF THE PEACOCK ANGEL.

A visit to the secluded shrine of the Yazidis or devil-worshippers of Kurdistan is an interesting feature of Mrs. E. S. Stevens's very entertaining and agreeable book on Mesopotamia, "By Tigris and Euphrates" (Hurst and Blackett, 18s.).

Curious magical signs are cut in low relief on the stones at the entrance to the shrine, Sheikh Adi, the principal being the great vertical snake, carefully black-leaded, to the right of the doorway. Pilgrims kiss this emblem of Satan.

To utter the word "Shaitan," so misused by the folk of other religions, is a disrespect to the Prince of Darkness of which no Yazidi would be guilty. The master of this earth, all-powerful and all-present, is the angel whom we have named The Fallen, and to him the Yazidis give their allegiance and devotion.

He seems to be a good sort of devil on the whole, this Peacock Angel.

He is not perpetually warring against heaven, for it is by the decree of God that he was given power over this world. Those who serve him and worship him prosper; those who curse him suffer.

Among the Yazidi divorce is unknown.

There are commandments concerning cleanliness; but none concerning godliness. The Yazidi is told to obey and pay the priests, but not to love his neighbour. There is also no order of prayer or command to pray in their books.

Another peculiar people whom Mrs. Stevens studied are the Subbia, a dying race, who live apart, have their own language, and rarely intermarry with those of alien faith or race.

In a delightful chapter on magic in Mesopotamia, Mrs. Stevens says: "No Arab will take a house until he has heard whether it is lucky or unlucky, and for this reason a new house is always difficult to let. Its luck is, so to speak, antedated until it has been tried. Witches are supposed to dwell in certain houses. An Englishman I know was solemnly warned that the house he was about to occupy was haunted by household's knee."

ASHORE.

SHIP'S COMPANY LANDED.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, December 26.

The Chinese owned steamer "Batavien" is badly ashore in the Nantua Islands. The passengers and crew have been landed.

HOME FOOTBALL.

CHRISTMAS DAY'S RESULTS.

LONDON, December 25.

Following are the results of today's Association matches:—

FIRST LEAGUE.	
Aston Villa	1 West Ham U. 1
Blackburn R.	2 Preston N.E. 0
Bolton W.	2 West Brom. A. 0
Burnley	0 Middlesbrough 0
Liverpool	0 Newcastle U. 1
Nottingham F.	2 Chelsea 0
Sheffield U.	1 Cardiff City 1
Tottenham M.	1 Huddersfield T. 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

In the match between Third Lanark and Dundee when play was abandoned the scores stood at one all.

THE CORONET.

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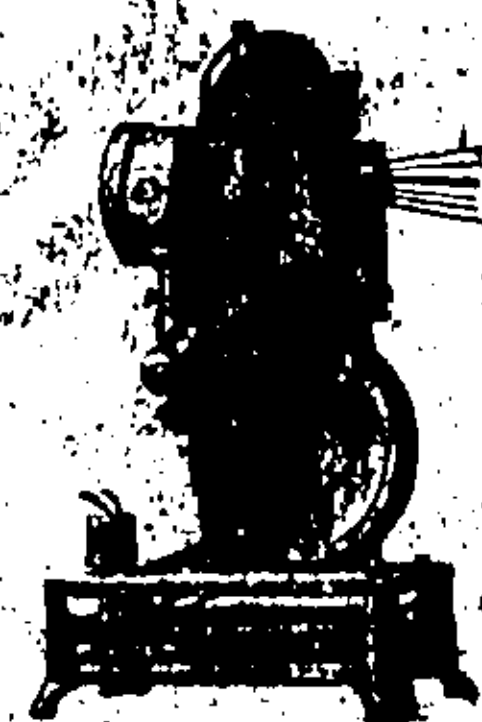
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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SOBERS LOOT.

Fact.

Horses know at once when they
have a nervous rider.

Bats which live in the London
Tubos are said to avoid the live
rail by instinct.

Native of the interior of Africa
board cattle as their wealth. They
never kill or sell an ox.

Only nine deaths occurred out of
a total of 781 street accidents in the
City of London in 1921.

Elementary education in Eng-
land, it is estimated, will cost
£33,060,100 during this year.

In the 205 bull-fights held in
Spain during 1921, four bull-fight-
ers, 26,764 horses, and 1,692 bulls
were killed.

Knowledge of coming weather
changes shown by birds is attributed
to atmospheric pressure on their
nerves.

There are altogether about 400
street telephone kiosks in England,
practically all of them in the pro-
vinces.

In a gramme of soil, about equal
to a teaspoonful, the number of
living organisms often exceeds
40,000,000.

Treasure estimated at £1,000,000
is said to be lying in the Wash. It
belonged to King John, and was lost
in 1217.

Machines for the detection of the
deadly carbon monoxide in gas, for
use in American mines, are now
being tested.

Perhaps True.

KEPT BUSY.

One of the old goldfields in south-
ern N.S.W. is noted for its snakes.

Two old identities "struck it rich"
at a wild spot. But they could only
work one at a time. While one was
below the other was kept busy
shovelling away the snakes from the
shaft. "Jos."

A CLOSE CALL.

Was taking an aeroplane joy-ride
with an elderly stranger as fellow-
passenger. After a dizzy loop high
up I missed the ziff. I touched the
pilot on the shoulder, and howled
the bad news in his ear. "That's all
right," he replied, "hang on
tight!" We dived, looped the loop,
and scooped him in 40 feet from the
ground. "I—I nearly fell out!"
gasped the poor old chap.

PIRANI.

STRATEGY.

A big black snake was escaping
down a crab-hole, when Bill pulled
him out by the tail. He again got a
few inches into the hole, but Bill
again beat him to it. "He lay quiet
for a moment as if he was summing
up the situation. Then he whipped
round and went down tail foremost.

He poked out his tongue as he ducked
the rock Bill heaved. "Jab."

Why the Sea is Salt.

Why should water in the sea be
so salty? It is fed by rivers, which
bring down a constant supply of
fresh water.

But is river water perfectly fresh?

Try a little experiment. Fill one
tumbler with water from which all
the salts have been extracted, and
another with river water. Now
taste them. You will have no diffi-
culty in distinguishing them. The
flavour of salt in the river water will
be quite noticeable, for all so-called
"fresh" water is tinged with the
salts in the earth.

An streams and rivers run through
the land, they melt away the soft
pieces of the soil and carry them to
the sea. In the soil are salts of
various kinds, the compound being
sodium chloride, the chemical name
for the salt which appears on our
tables at meal-times.

For ages past, salts have been
washing down into the sea, where
they have accumulated. The heat
of the sun evaporates the water of
the ocean, but this only serves to
make the sea more salty; for the sun
does not suck up any of the salts.

American Pronunciation.

"Why," a reader of The Village
naked in that publication. "do we
Americans pronounce Versailles to
rhyme rather than with apple pie, than
as would be natural for us, with
whistles? Why do we greet and
steam to ejaculate Rhinoceros when
a people which makes America over
into Lamerereck would quite under-
stand if we called it Reamers?"

This periodical amplifies these
questions in part as follows: "We
write colonel still, but we say
kernel, and no more think of it as a
French word, than we think of
battle, or theatre, or assault, or
marriage, as French words. We are
comfortably pronounced with an
English pronunciation of valet, but
we still smile pityingly when a very
very vulgar person speaks of the
garage as if it rhymed with carriage,
and denounces the driver of the
motor car as a 'ghetto'." We write
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Senor Alvarez Toledo has been
appointed Argentine Minister to
France.

The death has occurred at Nice of
Damat Ferid Bey, former Turkish
Premier.

Lord Hugh Cecil has been elected
chairman of the Council of the
Oxford House.

A lunatic who escaped from Bel-
fast Asylum was found on the Co.
Down Railway with his head severed
from his body.

The index number for wholesale
prices in Canada for the month of
September is 154.7, an increase of
1.4 compared with August.

Aliens, drugs and prohibition will
be the three subjects discussed by
President Coolidge and the govern-
ment of several states at the Capitol
conference.

Owing to an outbreak of foot-and-
mouth disease in the West Riding
and Lancashire, cattle, horses, and
sheep are prohibited from entering
Westmorland.

Mrs. Elsie Wright, of Purfleet,
Essex, fell on the line while
attempting to board a moving train
at Barking Station, and died later
in Poplar Hospital.

At Abergele, David Higgins,
Daultry-street, Liverpool, was fined
£10 and 43 costs for dangerously
driving a motor car. He killed five
and injured two lambs.

An eight-hour strike for the work-
ers of the Kelly-Springfield Tire
Company has been established, it is
announced by Thomas C. Marshall,
vice-president of the company.

In a debate at Swarthmore
College, Pennsylvania, Oxford, tak-
ing the ground that the occupation
of the Ruhr is unjustifiable, defeat-
ed Swarthmore College, the voting
being 297 to 273.

At its meeting the Plymouth
Corporation will receive the resigna-
tion of Councillor Isaac Foot, M.P.,
who finds that the claims of Parlia-
ment prevent him continuing his
municipal work.

A great military parade on the
Malecon, reviewed by President
Zayas and members of his Cabinet,
was a feature of the Columbus Day
celebration at Havana. Cubans call
Columbus Day "the day of the
race."

President Burgos on Columbus
Day issued a decree appointing the
Junta Cubana to receive subscrip-
tions for the erection in Santo
Domingo of an imposing Pan-
American memorial to Christopher
Columbus.

The Icelandic Democrats are
working energetically to reintroduce
prohibition, says the Politiken.
Such a change can only be possible
by cancellation of the recent treaty
with Spain, allowing the importa-
tion of wines, but the Democrats
are hopeful of reaching an agree-
ment on the question.

The devising of earthquake-proof
structures is the aim of Dr. Thomas
A. Jagger, Jr., Government vol-
canologist at the Kilauwa observa-
tory of the slopes of Mauna Kea,
island of Hawaii, who has gone to
Japan to study the effects of earth-
quakes. He suggested that earth-
quakes might develop an all-steel type,
which could withstand shock.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Arctic
explorer, arrived in New York
November 23rd to begin a tour of the
United States and Canada in which
he will deliver addresses based prin-
cipally on his work in the League of
Nations as high commissioner for
repatriation of prisoners of war and
for relief of Russian and Asia Minor
refugees. The tour is under the
auspices of the World Alliance for
International Friendship.

The peasants of Germany have
food on their farms, but they will
not sell it to the cities because the
only medium of exchange offered
them has been paper marks, which
they regard as worthless. Hence the
farmers have accumulated large
stocks of butter, poultry, cheese,
eggs, potatoes, honey, pigs and
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SHAKESPEARE TREASURE.

HIS LITERARY CROP.

The *Bookman's Journal* for
November is of extraordinary inter-
est for the matter it publishes on the
centenary of the First Folio of
Shakespeare. One article is by a
direct descendant of the Publisher
of the First Folio—William Jag-
gard, who tells us about Shake-
speare's treasure, known and un-
known.

He suggests that we may have
to-day *less than one-half of*
Shakespeare's literary crop.
*Shall we ever find other Shake-
speare plays?*

SHAKESPEARE FINDS.
Accident may discover something
more. Here are some romantic
finds already made which Mr. Wil-
liam Jaggard describes in the *Book-
man's Journal*.

"By way of marking the Tercen-
tenary, occurring on November 8,
1923, of the First Folio edition of
Shakespeare, it may be well to take
a brief view of 'finds' of the last
few score years," he says. "Such a
survey leads to belief that the 'sea
still holds good fishes' if we skill-
fully angle for them; the discoveries
of the nineteenth and twentieth cen-
turies, far from discouraging, should
animate hunters with greater zest.
Consider:—

(i) *Titus Andronicus*, 1604—
First edition. Its very existence, at
any time, doubted and disputed.
Found in 1894 in a country cottage
in Sweden, of all places, by a pass-
ing pedestrian, who might have
bought it for sixpence. Scrupu-
lously conscientious, he advised the
poor owner to send it to London. It
quickly passed to America at the
then almost fabulous price of two
thousand pounds, being unique so
far as is known.

(ii) *Montjoy Signature*, 1612-13.
Discovery of this autograph at the
Public Record Office, in 1910,
added a sixth signature to the few
genuine attestations of our national
hero.

SHAKESPEARE'S MS.

(iii) *Sir Thomas More* Manu-
script. Identification occurred in
1916 of the poet's composition and
writing to the extent of one-third of
this collaboration of Shakespeare,
with Anthony Munday and Thomas
Dekker. When the play was first
printed in 1844 for the old Shake-
speare Society, under editorship of
Alex. Dyce, nothing was known of
the authorship. Sir E. Maunde
Thompson, one of our leading
paleographers, demonstrated in
Shakespeare's Handwriting (1916)
that in this precious manuscript we
now actually possess a play as it left
the poet's hand for the play-house.

(iv) *Pastorale "Pilgrim"*.
Second edition. This long-lost and
bitterly-disputed issue came to light
at Longport Hall, Shropshire, in
1920. It was discovered among
stable rubbish (like its predecessor,
the 1599 issue, at Lampport Hall, in
1867) and sold for twenty thousand
pounds.

(v) *Manuscript tribute to Hem-
minge and Condell*. Not a great
catch, perhaps, compared with the
foregoing, but valuable, because we
know so little of the two actors who
played the praiseworthy part of
assisting my ancestors to recover
and print all extant Shakespeare
manuscripts in 1623. The lines
were found in a manuscript at the
Wales National Library in 1922.

(vi) *Situation of Globe Theatre*.
Of no great moment, maybe, yet of
high interest, mainly because it
settles a lengthy contention, and
proves that the 'Brewery site' is
wrong. Demonstrated beyond cavil
by Mr. George Hubbard in his
Exact Site of Globe Theatre (1923).

(vii) *Pastorale "Pilgrim"*. 1599.
While examining the library at
Lampport Hall, near Northampton,
in 1867, a bookseller's assistant,
Mr. Charles Edmonds, found
among stable litter there the only
'floating' copy of the first edition
(the 'fixed' copy remains always in
Cambridge University Library).
According to Edmonds' holograph
note, in his own copy of the reprint;
now in my collection, 'three bibli-
ophiles each offered one thousand
pounds for it.' It was secured at
£3,000 for the Britwell library, and
eventually came into the auction
rooms in December, 1919, when it
realised the sum of £15,100, and,
of course, crossed the Atlantic.

AMONG OLD PAPERS.
(viii) *King Henry IV.* 1610.
In 1844 a manuscript of fascinating
interest was discovered among old
papers at Surrenden, Kent, where it
had lain, apparently for over two
centuries. Until the *Sir Thomas
More* was identified, this Surrenden
MS. was the only known, contem-
porary manuscript of Shakespeare's
plays. It is in the handwriting of
Sir Edward Dering, presumably,
and was copied, doubtless from
Shakespeare's own playhouse MS.
for use in Dering's private theatre,
at Surrenden, just about the time
Shakespeare left London for his
final home by the Avon. Written
on fifty-five folio leaves, it bears
external alterations and corrections
written in no other copy, or version,
and is of paramount importance. It
was printed by the old Shakespeare
Society in 1845. The MS. was
secured by George Grey Greville,
Fourth Earl of Warwick. After his
death it was sold, with the whole

SENTENCED ESKIMOS.

MODERN "PREHISTORIC" MEN.

White men's laws and customs
are not, and cannot be, understood
by the Eskimos of the far North,
according to Inspector Roames and
Staff Sgt. Clay, of the Royal
Canadian Mounted Police, both of
whom have spent years among the
Eskimos.

They declare that the two
Eskimos now under sentence of
death at Fort Herschell have no
idea that they are being punished.

These Eskimos, they declare, may
well be termed 'present-day cave-
men.' The crimes for which they
are under sentence are the murders
of Corporal Decker, a policeman;
Otto Binder, a Hudson's Bay Com-
pany's trader; and seven Eskimos.

In connection with the social
usages of the Eskimo, the policemen
say that a girl at birth is immedi-
ately married off and at 12 years of
age is turned over to her husband.
Her fur overcoat or cape designates
by the shape of the 'koolie tang'
whether or not she has taken up
residence with her husband. The
'koolie tang' is in the form of an
overhanging fur around the neck.

LENDING A WIFE.

The habit of 'lending' a wife is
common. If a baby girl is born in
the winter time and food is scarce,
she is killed off. The result is that
many men among the Eskimo have
no wives. On payment of a dog or
sleigh, or something of like nature,
an Eskimo may lend his wife for so
many 'moons,' the Eskimo
method of reckoning time. If the
husband refuses to 'lend' his wife,
the would-be borrower must not
take her away until the husband is
dead. The result is that the hus-
band often meets with a violent
death.

Sometimes the husband's rela-
tives kill the borrower, and his rela-
tives, in turn, gather and attack the
slayers. The result is that tribal
feuds are not uncommon, and it was
in the course of such a feud that
Corporal Doak met his death.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG THURSDAY, DEC. 27, 1923.

NO BARRIERS.

It is asserted we believe that if mankind could be of one tongue, misunderstandings would be considerably diminished, and the possibility of war reduced accordingly. A universal language would make our motives clearer, even if they would not make them purer. It is a matter of opinion of course, but meeting on the common ground of a common language paves the way for greater opportunities for intercourse and a due appreciation of the limitations, aspirations, and the things which go to make up the daily life of the peoples of the earth. It is the first and natural barrier from which all the others spring. It is a barrier which has to be noted as man's doing it, it is conceded that the story of the Tower of Babel is true in substance and in fact, and that in his endeavor to bridge or span the gulf between the known and the unknown, man, for his wilful

ness caused the barrier of languages to become the almost insurmountable thing it is to-day. Other barriers there be in plenty, all the product of man's perverted sense of the fitness of things. Burns has sung of man's inhumanity to man reminding us truly that it "makes countless thousands mourn." And it is in the region of man looking down upon man that makes countless thousands mourn, stills the progress of kindly thought and that greater appreciation of the best in all civilisations, which, if we cannot and care not to emulate, we can at least respect. It is due to this inextinguishable, inexorable looking down that has been the cause of misunderstanding between the Eastern and the Western nations—and to narrow it down to personalities, between Great Britain and the Empire of China. The blame is not at all one-sided. We think of the narrow parochial insularism, detestably mean and imperious, blatantly ignorant, which has disgraced the alleged intelligence of some of the representatives of the British race in the Far East—using the word in its proper sense—to indicate the vastness of those who, for good or ill have made either their temporary or permanent homes in such distant places as China. On the other hand, we have had to confess that the story of the Tower of Babel is true in substance and in fact, and that in his endeavor to bridge or span the gulf between the known and the unknown, man, for his wilful

regard the wanderers from the Western Isles as barbarians—a species of foreign devil beneath contempt. Happily in life there is no standing still—we either progress or recede; and in thinking of the relationship between the two races we are inclined to think we are on the road of progress towards a more complete and certainly a better understanding. Much may remain to be done, but facts are indisputable. The Chinese earn our regard for the sanctity of their family life—for their reverence for their ancestors and the old people who look to them for filial piety and sustenance. We admire their industry and the commercial morality which in a large measure dominates the dealings in which their merchants engage. The teachings of their Sage Confucius commands our attention and admiration. If we cannot understand the matters which send a great people into opposing camps, and tend to strife and corruption, we can at least believe that some of those who are occupied in the affairs of state are honourable men, fired with patriotic motives. It is not for us to state how we think the Chinese regard the things that are British. We do know that an increasing number of Chinese send their sons to the Homeland to receive that education and training which they believe can be used to advantage on their return to their own country. And we do know that in England the Chinese student is received entirely on his own merits, welcomed in the homes of the people and honoured as representatives of a great and interesting country. That it is increasingly necessary that the two Nations should come closer together is but stating a truism. Not on the grounds of increased trade, which seems to be the one and only staple argument in certain directions, but because of the benefit to the world in spiritual and unassessable values which is more than likely to accrue. This obtained, all the rest will be added as a matter of course. We therefore applaud as vigorously as we can the speech of the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires made in London to the members and their friends of the Overseas Chinese Society to "render loyal and honest service and to do their utmost to bring Britain and China closer together."

The call is also to us who live at the very gates of China and among a tithe of her people almost uncountable. It means exercising patience and a spirit of goodwill. Also an examination of things and proposals (Chinese) whether they emanate from Canton and Peking, with a detached and impartial mind, weighing facts carefully, and not with that prejudice which pre-judges, condemns and is blatantly superior. The good (conduct) that the British do East is likely to be interred with their bones, whilst the evil will be remembered. But the effects of the good cannot be overestimated, for they are permanent and lasting. If we can realise that each of us is an Ambassador, however humble that capacity may be, of a great Nation, and live up to that fact, we shall advance a step nearer to the realisation of the splendid object of bringing "Britain and China closer together."

Some people, so CHARIVARIA, we are told, make a positive hobby of worrying. Feet work, so to speak. A Charivaria admirer assures us that on Sunday he invariably enjoys a game of Bridge. We prefer a little nap. Some people are imaginative and look ahead, while others, metaphorically speaking, see no further than their noses, we are told. Which may be taken as red. We understand a Goat Gland Doctor is to visit Hongkong to do some rejuvenation work. The Government should certainly engage a real estate firm to advertise a "guilt-edged proposition." It probably is.

A domestic expert says that the Boots are bad cooks. We seem to have heard them boasting of their prowess. According to a newspaper, Mrs. Anna Vanille, of San Francisco, swam ten miles out to sea and sang, "The Star Spangled Banner," to celebrate her sixty-third birthday. Two more miles and it would have been the limit. A Doctor complains that in the

last probationary nurses have had to scrub the floors and wash the dishes. During this period they were nursing their grievances.

A classic essay, lately from the Bulletin of the Chicago Board of Education, is about frogs, and was written by a young Norwegian. The essay runs: "What a wonderful bird the frog is! When he stands he sits, almost. When he hops he flies, almost. He ain't got no sense, hardly. He ain't got no tail, hardly, either. When he sits he sits on what he ain't got almost."

Teacher: "Why Good REASON, must we always be careful to keep our homes clean and neat?" Little Girl: "Because company may walk in at any moment."

A GREEK VIEW. Opponents of the League of Nations have borne frequent testimony, during the last four years, to the final collapse of that institution. Italy's escape at Corfu provided the most recent opportunity to once again affirm the passing of the League. Now, however, Spyridon Kolaidis, editor of a Greek daily paper in Chicago, writing in the Greek Review, declares that the League of Nations, through the power of its moral suasion and the sheer weight of its authority, brought justice to the smaller states. "And such moral suasion," he declares, "it has already exercised with great effect in the dispute between Greece and Italy. It has not only had a deciding influence in turning the public opinion of the world against Italy; it has also won its spurs by imposing its will upon England and France, for it gave these powers to understand that if they failed to induce Italy to evacuate Corfu, the League itself could no longer justify its existence. It is very doubtful whether any great power will hazard a similar stroke of policy in the future against a smaller state, when it recalls the disgrace suffered by Italy, and the moral fall Italy has sustained in the eyes of the world."

One of the best HE-HAW stories so far contains a sly dig at Mr. Ford and his cars. A donkey ambling along a country road came to a broken down "diver," temporarily stranded in a ditch by the wayside. "What are you?" said the donkey. "A motor-car," was the reply. "And what may you be?" "I'm Papyrus," replied the donkey, and galloped away.

Before ye choose a friend, eat a peck o' saut wi' him. On' canny an' flee laigh. The blin' man's peck should be well measured. The Englishman greets the Irishman sleeps, but the Scotchman gangs till he gets it. A hungry man has aye a lazy cook. Do as the lassies do—say "No," an' tak it. Come unca'd, sit unserved. Courtesy is cumbersome to him that kens it na. Barefooted folk shouldna tread on thorns. Experience keeps a dear schule, but fools will learn in nae ither. That will be when the de'il's blin' an' he's no bleated yet. Over muckle humbleness spoils good courtesy. Mair are droone in drink than in water. Marry for love an' work for siller. Gio ower while the play's good. Foul water chickens fire. Measure twice, cut but once. Nae swat, nae sweet. Send yer gentle bluid tao the market an' see what it'll buy. Pigs may whistle, but they hae an ill mouth for it. A good lawyer may be an ill neighbour. Eagles flee alane, but sheep haud thegither. Bachelors' wives an' auld maids' brains are aye weel bred.

Why is it that, as compared with their Latin sisters, women of the Anglo-Saxon races are such indifferent cooks? This question has been asked time and again, but no satisfactory answer has so far been forthcoming. It would seem, in reality, to be a matter of racial psychology. The artistic element in the Latin races impels their women to artistic in everything; but that is not all. In every woman there is an unequal admixture of two elements, the element of the wife and the element of the mother. In Latin women, the wife element predominates; in the Anglo-Saxon woman, the mother. Where the wife element is uppermost, the desire to please the mate shows itself; not only in adventitious aids to external attraction, but in every-day details. She is not content merely to "feed the brute," she wishes to display her superiority over all common oven in the preparation of his food. It is not only a question of quantity, the quality is pressed into the service. Where the

mother element is uppermost, the "brute" is merely a means to an end. Any time which is given to him, is time taken from the offspring. So long as his hunger is satisfied, he does not complain. So, she satisfies it with the least possible expenditure of the time and energy which, in her view, belongs elsewhere.

To-day's Poem.
(A lamp for our feet.)
"A lamp for our feet the Lord hath litton,
Signs bath He shown in the land of Khem.
The kings of the nations our Lord hath smitten,
His shoe bath He cast o'er the gods of them.
He hath made Him a mock of the beifer of Isis,
He hath broken the chariot-reins of Ra.
On Iakub He cries, and His folk arises,
And the knees of the nations are loosed in awe."
—ANDREW LANG.
in The World's Desire.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 27.
1665. I walked quite over the fields home by light of linke, one of my waterman carrying it, I reading by the light of it, it being a very fine clear dry night.—Popeys.

NOBLE THINGS.

It is more praiseworthy in noble and excellent things to know something, though little, than in mean and ignoble matters to have a perfect knowledge.
—DRAUMOND OF HAWTHORNDEN.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 27.—Coronet Theatre: "Penrod."
December 27.—Star Theatre: "Scrooge"; "Bill Apperson's Boy" and "The Boat."
December 27.—World Theatre: Claire Adams in "The Killer."
December 27.—The Grand Theatre: "Now or Never" and "Wedding Bells."
December 29.—Dancing in Palace Hotel, 9.15 p.m.
January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
AUCTION.
December 28.—Lammert Bros., at Holt's Wharf miscellaneous goods, flour, newspaper and coils of wire ropes, 11 a.m.
December 28.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, miscellaneous goods, and dress goods, Noon.
December 29.—Lammert Bros., at Kowloon Canton Railway yard, one Ford 1-ton van, one 7-passenger Davis car, and 6 cycles, 29.4 h.p. Noon.
OTHER MEETING.
January 3.—Annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section), at Helena May Institute, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at 5.47 p.m.
The tea houses at Canton resumed business on Christmas Day bringing to an end a strike which had lasted for fifty days.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. James H. Sanders, M.D., M.R.C.S., Hongkong, was elected a Fellow.

The popular Jazz band of H.M. "Despatch" is to play at the Palace Hotel on Saturday next. Dancing is to take place at 9.15 p.m.

Part of the Christmas mails arrived ex the P. and O. "Dongola," which was two days late at Bombay. The Christmas mails (parcels and letters) are expected to arrive by the P. and O. "Kashgar" on the 29th.

Nell Shipman is the star of "The Girl from God's Country," the feature film at the Star to-day. The picture is a drama of the strongest sort, with many beautiful outdoor scenes, and highly interesting situations.

Full text of the correspondence between the Diplomatic Corps at Peking with Dr. Sun Yat-sen through Sir James Jamieson, Senior Consul at Canton, is now published. In one cable from Peking the following appears: "The Diplomatic Corps, any interference with the Chinese Maritime Customs and that in the event of any such attempt being made they will take such forcible measures as they may deem fit to meet the situation."

JAPANESE SENSATION.

PRINCE REGENT FIRED AT IN TOKYO.

AUTOMOBILE WINDOWS SMASHED.

TOKYO, December 27.
While the Prince Regent was proceeding to the Diet this morning, a youth of twenty fired a cane gun at the Imperial automobile, smashing the windows. The Prince, who was unhurt, proceeded to the Diet building.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OFFICERS.

EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RELEASE.

PEKING, December 26.
The Japanese Consul-General at Chungking reports that he had arranged to meet General Tang Tze-mu, commanding the retreating Szechuan first army, at Kikiang, with the object of negotiating for the release of the Chief Engineer and First Officer of the Yiyang Maru, but Tang Tze-mu swung to the north when the so-called Szechuan neutral force moved hostilely on Kikiang from Luchow, after which Tang Tze-mu passed Kiangtsin, and on December 24, was approaching Luchang. Thus, the two officers are still in Tang Tze-mu's hands.—Reuter.

CANTON CUSTOMS.

INTEREST NOT RELAXED.

Interest in Canton, in the Customs question has not relaxed. What has happened has been confined to propaganda among the students and labourers. It is now no secret that an effort had been made to bring about a foreign boycott, but little response has been given by the merchants, who have pointed to the trouble over the Japanese boycott, organised by students several years ago.

One circular issued in Canton has been to the effect that the Chinese should not lose heart because of the foreign naval assembly. Couched in bombastic language, the leaflets state that the Bucca Tigris Forts have declared martial law and that no warship may leave Canton without permission. The hint that seems to be conveyed is that the foreign men-of-war are bottled up in Canton!

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods were as follows:—
Java Sugar—No. 24 rough white \$16.40 per picul net, No. 24 fine white 16.40, No. 18 rough brown 15.60.
Rice—No. 1 Siam long white, old and/or new crop, (superior) \$8.55 per picul, gross weight for net; ditto (ordinary) 8.25; No. 1 Saigon long white 7.40.
Flour—per sack of 50 lbs., Day's ton \$2.50, Molluse Flour 2.75, Banana 2.75, White Greens 2.85, Nutmeg Orange 2.82, Kingfisher 2.90, C. and C. 2.85, White Rose 2.78.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Exchange on London is 2/3-7/8; on Shanghai 60 3/4. Rubber is quoted at 47 1/2 cents per lb.

Sugar, flour and rice quotations will be found in this issue of the China Mail under Commercial Notes.

Removed to hospital with serious burns round the neck, caused by a pot of boiling congee being spilled, a Chinese child, four years of age, of No. 13, Kowloon City, died yesterday after admission.

In attempting to alight from the Star Ferry boat this morning, a passenger in the third class, a boy, fell into the water. He was pulled out in time. A correspondent in this issue of the China Mail draws attention to the necessity of adequate precautions being taken by the Ferry Authorities.

During the week ending December 22, 105 cases of small-pox were notified and there were 77 deaths from the disease. All the sufferers were Chinese except one Danish case, one Indian, one British and two Japanese cases. During the three days ended yesterday 29 fresh cases were reported.

Mr. F. S. Heinrich, manager of Messrs. Laggett and Myers' Canton branch, has had his left foot injured and has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital. He was on board the s.s. "Kikang" when some friends of his and others, who were not on board, did not notice the ship's bell. To avoid a needless and very trip to Canton and back, he is said to have jumped off the steamer on to the wharf and in doing so, hurt his foot.

CHINESE WEDDINGS.

INTERESTING CUSTOMS.

Europeans who were in Des Vaux Road Central near the Mercury Garage this morning may have been curious to know the purport of the gorgeous decorations on the front of the house and extending up to the second floor.

The erection is similar to the front of a *Pai Lau*, which is a triumphal arch, constructed of matched materials, of which a number were put up when the Prince of Wales passed through. On the door are characters which give the surname of the bridegroom's family. As is common to most Chinese forms of decoration, the salient feature of the whole scheme is a multitude of blazing colours which are set out beautifully at night by the means of countless electric lights.

Although this is the last year of the Chinese cycle of sixty—it being usually considered improper for marriages to take place in the last year of the cycle—the number of weddings at this time of the year, does not seem to be appreciably less than that for those preceding. At about noon to-day, a wedding pageant passed through the town by the Central Fire Station up to Wellington Street. This was led by a black goat all festooned and dressed up for the occasion. As this animal has seldom been seen in connection with marriage processions, enquiries were made of several Chinese who could not recall a similar instance in Hongkong and were at loss to explain the origin of the custom.

The procession in question, although not long, was unique and had several novel features. A number of tableaux were included, the people in the sets being impersonated by little girls dressed in costumes of the period. Carried one behind the other were two animals, the first of which was easily distinguished as a dragon while the other would probably baffled description by the most renowned zoologist. It had the body of a swan with wings of a griffin and was painted with all the colours of the rainbow. Perched on each end of the 'animals' were little Chinese girls. The two on the dragon were emblematic of some deities who must have been the first registrars in mythology. On the bird, which some described as a phoenix, were two others who took the parts of a renowned couple in ancient Chinese history, who are said to have excelled Chesterfield in their politeness to each other. One venerable Chinese gentleman was overheard to explain to a young companion that the two 'animals' were emblematic of the unification of the man and wife, the dragon denoting manliness and the 'phoenix' representing womanhood.

A little further back was something even more ambitious, comprising eight sets which together formed a piece of history many centuries B.C. These were easily recognised as the scene is often given in Chinese theatricals. The time referred to was when the Celestial Empire—or rather, the greater part of China Proper—was divided into seven kingdoms, which had been made up from several hundred. The Emperor of the most powerful had persecuted the others, who, disoriented, had not been able to offer resistance on account of jealousy and mistrust. From one of these smaller kingdoms, there sprang a scholar statesman who had succeeded in combining the forces of the six minors and had overthrown the overbearing Emperor. For his services he was made joint premier for all six kingdoms, and the set depicts the ceremony of investing him with the office, performed by a plenipotentiary extraordinary. On each of the first six sets in the procession were 'warriors' with the banners of their respective chiefs. The seventh bore the white-bordered 'man' who was to confer the honour. On the stage he is represented as leaving in a special carriage propelled by a beautiful damsel and this was carried out in every detail on the set in the pageant. The last set bore the joint premier.

A talking film on which the Danish cognome 'Paulsen' and 'Peterson' have been working for several years, has been publicly exhibited, proving that the inventors have been able to produce speech and pictures simultaneously. The scene was pleasantly free from material in sound. Two films, the remaining the pictures and the other words, were used, being projected separately.

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SHUNGO MARUSunday, 30th Dec.
BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang)Friday, 4th Jan.
SANTON, HANOKU & KAWAOKAThursday, 3rd January.
BUNDO MARUWednesday, 16th Jan.
MALAY MARUSaturday, 10th Jan.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan, Suez and Panama.
NEW YORK—Via Japan, Suez and Panama.
HAMBURG MARUMiddle of Jan.
JAPAN PORTS—Mol, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama and Nagoya.
CELESTES MARUMonday, 31st Dec.
MANILA MARUThursday, 10th Jan.
KELUNGSunday, 30th Dec. at 10 a.m.
TAKAO & SWATOW & AMOYThursday, 3rd Jan. at 8 a.m.
TAKAO & SWATOW & AMOYFriday, 4th Jan.
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Jan. 4—R. F. Colorado.
5—D. L. Robert Dollar.
6—D. L. Stanley Dollar.
7—P. L. Galleo Prince.
12—N.Y.K. Tatumo Maru.
13—R. F. Poles.
14—D. L. Stuart Dollar.
15—D. L. M. S. Dollar.
16—R. F. Langdon Hall.
17—D. L. Kandal Castle.
18—O. L. Galleo Prince.
19—A.O.L. Galleo Prince.
20—R. B. Isla de Panay.

BUENOS AIRES VIA S'PORE.

Dec. 21—N.Y.K. Kawachi Maru.
Jan. 1—R. F. Panama Maru.
12—B. F. Pelous.
13—D. L. Stuart Dollar.
14—R. B. Isla de Panay.
15—A.O.L. Macedonia.
16—R. F. Annam.
17—D. L. Isla de Panay.
18—R. F. Elio.
19—R. F. Elio.

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.

Jan. 1—L. T. Duchessa D'Aosta.
5—H.A.L. Provenza.
7—L. T. Peria.
Dec. 28—N. L. Holstein.
29—D. L. Glenapp.
Jan. 1—H.A.L. Provenza.
12—N. L. Scholien.
13—D. L. Titian.
14—N. L. Saarbrücken.

GENOA.

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Jan. 1—H.A.L. Provenza.
12—N. L. Scholien.
13—D. L. Titian.
14—N. L. Saarbrücken.

MARSHFIELD.

Dec. 29—P. & O. Kaiser-I-Hind.
Jan. 1—B. F. Diomed.
2—D. L. City of Paris.
3—N.Y.K. Koshima Maru.
4—M. M. Paul Locat.
5—D. L. Koshima Maru.
6—P. & O. Koshima Maru.
7—D. L. Koshima Maru.
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GIBRALTAR.

Dec. 29—P. & O. Kaiser-I-Hind.
Jan. 1—B. F. Diomed.
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5—D. L. Koshima Maru.
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LONDON.

Dec. 28—G. L. Glenapp.
29—P. & O. Kaiser-I-Hind.
30—D. L. Dardanus.
Jan. 1—D. L. City of Paris.
2—N.Y.K. Koshima Maru.
3—R. F. Patroclus.
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HAVRE.

Jan. 10—B. F. Diomed.
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Feb. 1—B. F. Diomed.
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LIVERPOOL.

Jan. 10—B. F. Diomed.
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Feb. 1—B. F. Diomed.
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DUNKIRK.

Jan. 4—K. A. Malaya.
5—D. L. Annam.
6—E. A. Elio.
Dec. 28—G. L. Glenapp.
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"DEAD" FIRST HUSBAND TANGLE.

Behind a notice of marriage entered in a London register office lies a remarkable story of a man reported dead in the Boer war, who reappeared a short time after his wife's second marriage.

The woman whose name appears on the notice is manageress of a boarding-house and is 44. She married when very young. Her husband went to South Africa in the campaign against the Boers, and in 1900 the War Office reported him dead. A year later his "widow" had reason to believe that he was alive, but she never saw him.

In 1919 she appeared in a London court and asked a magistrate's advice as to what her position would be if she married again. She said she had not seen her husband for nearly 20 years. She was advised that she could marry again, believing that her husband was by this time dead, and need not fear a prosecution for bigamy if it should be afterwards proved that he was alive. Accordingly she was married in a register office.

A year later she read an account of an accident in which the name of her first husband appeared. She found that the man was her first husband and went to Somerset House and put the matter before the authorities there. She was told that her second marriage could not hold good, but no prosecution for bigamy would be undertaken.

Despite her second marriage, she did all in her power to nurse and provide for her first husband, who, however, after a long illness died.

Now she is free to marry again, and will once more marry her second husband at the same register office.

A MAN WHO WAS TRIPLETS.

BY A NATURALIST.

Since no medical authority has come forward to explain the phenomenon of the "man who had twins," as recorded in the *China Mail*, may a mere naturalist point out that the strange case would have been more correctly described as that of "a man who was triplets"?

Readers will remember that the supposed twins were found in a tumour on the man's side, and that they were represented only by some teeth and hair, with the rudiments of jawbones.

These fragments of undeveloped humanity did not, however, represent the man's children, but his brothers. It was, in fact, a case of the incomplete formation of triplets, only one of the three being a perfect male embryo.

Similar cases of more or less complete union of twins or triplets are not very uncommon, culminating in the almost independent existence of "Siamese twins"; and one case, almost identical with that recorded in "Reynolds's," came under the writer's notice at Amritsar, in India, where an English surgeon removed from a tumour in the body of a young native man two partially developed upper jaws with teeth, above which struggling tufts of hair had been growing from the tumour.

These were identified as the hairs of moustaches which would have been worn by the owners of the teeth, thus indicating their intended sex.

It would be interesting to know whether there is any scientific reason for the fact that in these cases only the upper jaws, with teeth and moustaches, should have had continuous life.

LIFE SENTENCE DESIRE.

THE "CAT" FOR BLACK-MAILERS.

Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed at the Old Bailey on George William Baynes, 57, a book-keeper, who pleaded guilty to sending a letter demanding £10 to Sir Charles Walpole, chairman of the Surrey Quarter Sessions.

Baynes asked the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., to give him the minimum term of penal servitude: "Sir E. Wild: That is for life. Do you desire that?"

Baynes: Yes.

Inspector Mitchell, of Scotland Yard, said that Baynes said he knew nothing about Sir Charles Walpole, but merely picked him out, haphazard through seeing his name in the papers. Baynes had been convicted twice in Canada and three times in England. His one object appeared to be to get into prison. He had called at Scotland Yard asking to be locked up. He said he was much better treated in prison than in the workhouse.

Sir E. Wild, in sentencing Baynes, said he was committing crimes apparently for the purpose of being kept at the public expense. "My only regret," continued Sir E. Wild, "is that I cannot give you the cat. I hope that judge will soon be armed by Parliament with power to give blackmailers the cat, because that is the only way to stop blackmail."

DELUSIONS.

WIFE'S UNAVAILING EFFORTS.

The story of a wife's desperate but unsuccessful attempts to prevent her husband committing suicide was told by Mrs. Dorey, of Weston-road, Acton Green, at the inquest, at Chiswick, on her husband, Robert.

His body was found on the line near South Acton Station, the head and arms being completely severed.

She said her husband had suffered from the delusion that he no longer worked satisfactorily, and he had told her that he had spoiled a valuable piece of marble. Inquiries showed that his statements were due to delusions.

Just after one o'clock one morn-

ing he got out of bed, telling her that he could not sleep, put on his trousers and socks, and went downstairs. She saw that a terrible change had come over him, and looked dangerous.

LOST IN THE DARK.

She followed him and tried to restrain him, but after some conversation he persisted in leaving the house and went towards the railway. She went after him, but tripped and fell up.

He looked round at her once, but she then lost him in the darkness. She gave information to the police, and a search was organised without result.

Cyril Richens, foreman at South Acton Station, who found the body, said the position was such that Dorey must have laid down and put his head on the rail. A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was recorded.

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Film makes teeth dingy

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Now millions combat it

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VOTING CONTEST.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

ANOTHER CINEMA PICTURE POLL.

FILMS SHOWN RECENTLY.

This week, we are holding another voting contest for popular cinema pictures recently exhibited at the World Theatre. We will give a prize of \$50 to the competitor who sends in the coupon agreeing most nearly with the order in which the first ten pictures are placed. It is not imperative that the coupon must be exactly correct to win. Somebody must win the \$50! Why not you?

Twenty names of cinema pictures are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular items from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any terms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final. Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

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Below we give the names of twenty films recently exhibited. Select the ten you think the most popular.

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- 2... Butterfly Man
- 3... Call of Home
- 4... Don't Get Personal
- 5... Driven
- 6... Flame of Life
- 7... Heart Specialist
- 8... Love Brand
- 9... Lure of Jade
- 10... Man of Forest
- 11... Midnight Guest
- 12... Moon Madness
- 13... Mystery of the Yellow Room
- 14... Safety Last
- 15... Silent Year
- 16... Soldier of Fortune
- 17... South of Suva
- 18... Tale of Two Cities
- 19... Through Glass Windows
- 20... Truthful Liar

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor

China Mail,

December 27, 1923.

Hongkong.

Sir,

I consider the following the ten most popular films from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

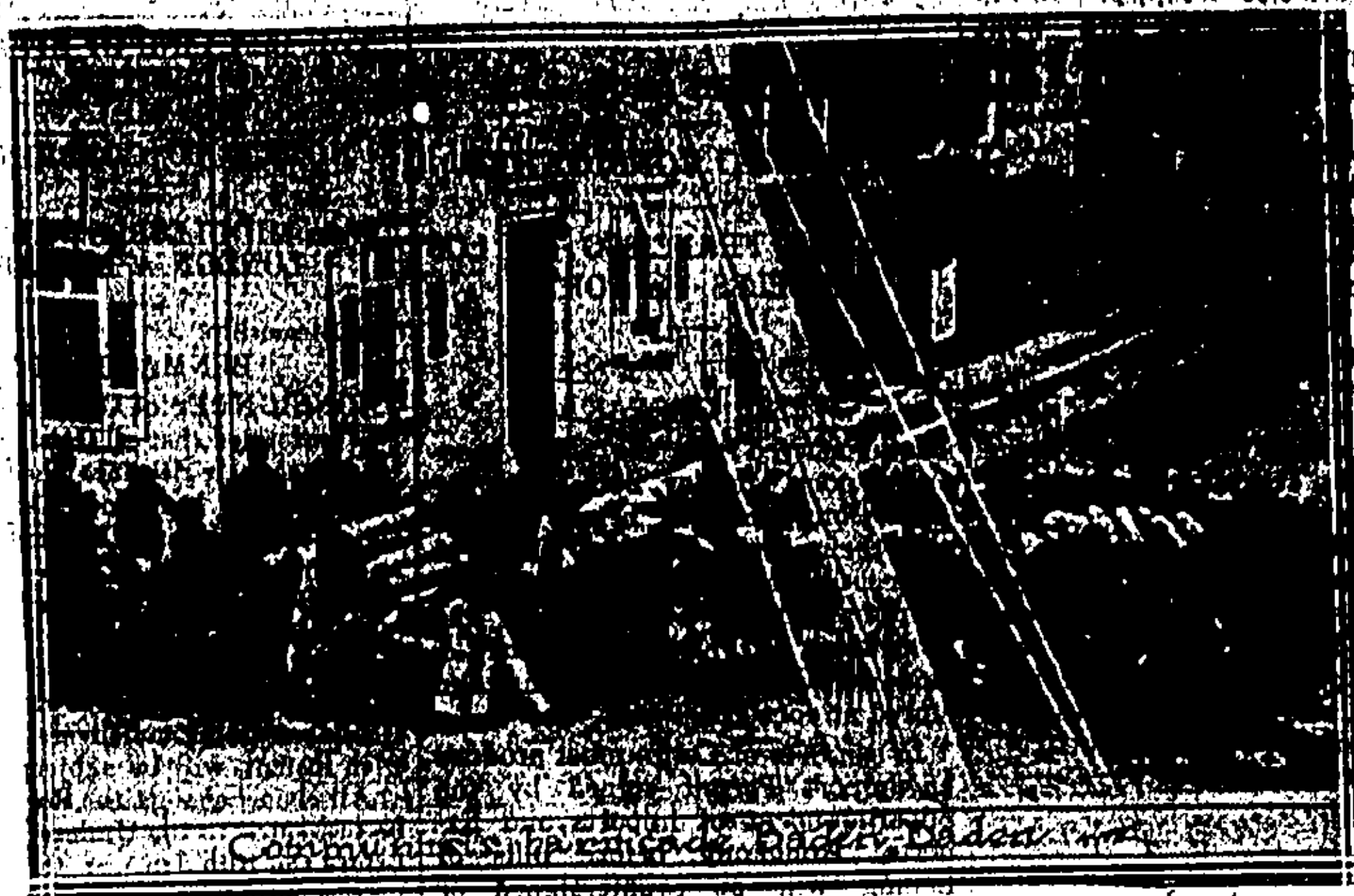
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This is an exclusive photograph of Nikolai Lenin, Dictator of Soviet Russia, believed to have been the first taken since his nearly fatal illness, which has left him practically helpless, though his physicians declare his ultimate recovery seems assured.



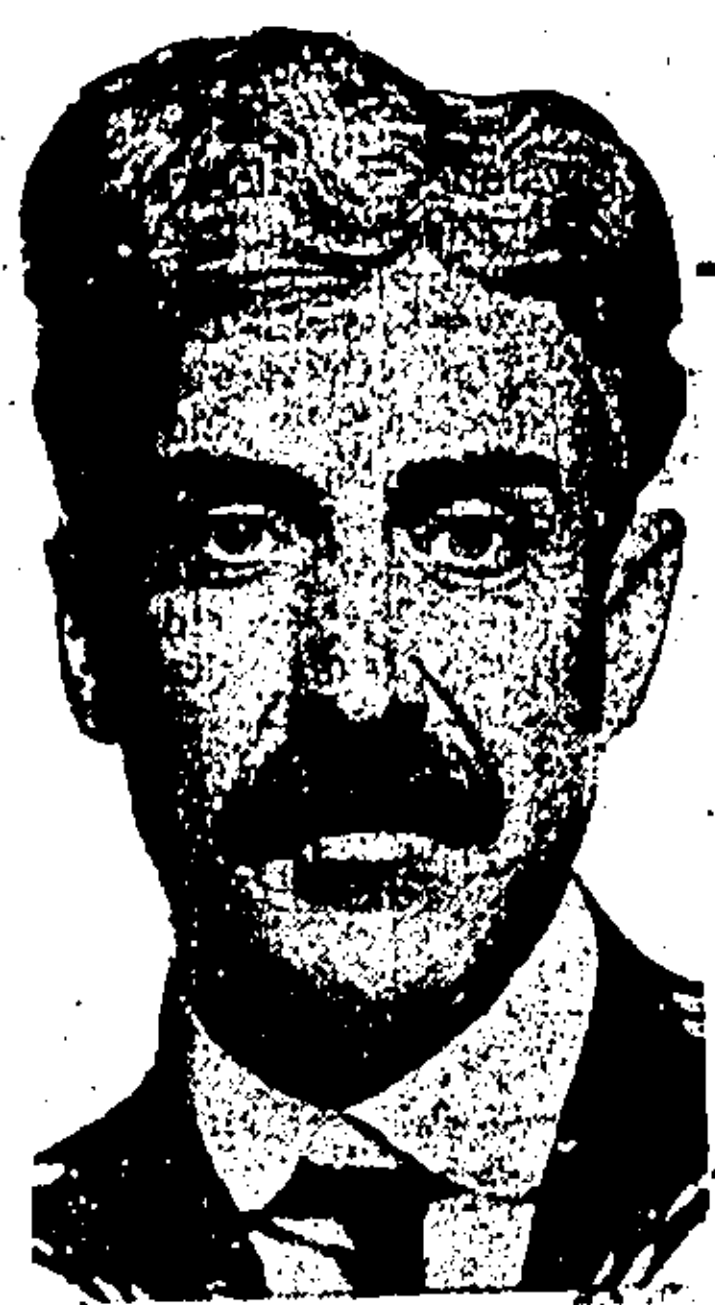
Almost every town in Baden and in many other parts of Germany is daily the scene of outbreaks on the part of some faction. Street barricades have been thrown up in various cities, and rioting is prevalent everywhere. Led by the Communists, hungry throngs are sweeping through the bread and meat shops, and, until checked by the troops, taking control of the cities. The above photograph shows a street barricade erected by the Communists in the streets of Baden-Baden.



Do you remember the story of little Jimmy Naji, 6-year-old Tennessee lad, who journeyed all the way to Chicago to have an operation performed on his little club feet and who, after the operation, kept praying: "Oh, God, help my poor feet! If You-all don't come down and help me soon I ain't agoin' to ask You any more!" Well, the pain that caused little Jimmy to cry is all gone now, and Jimmy can run and walk as other boys do. He is shown here having his first pair of regular shoes put on, preparatory to his trip back to his mountain home.



Skinaway, 110 years old, and Nunnemukuk, 113, oldest living members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians in Kansas, were sent to Washington to investigate the claims of their tribesmen to land tracts on the Lake Michigan waterfront of Chicago, valued at \$35,000,000. The Indians declare they have clear title to the property.



A tape measure, in addition to the scales, will be necessary hereafter when the stork arrives, because Dr. B. T. Baldwin, Director of the Iowa Child Welfare Research Society, declared at a Teachers' Institute meeting in San Francisco that a person's height when fully grown can be determined by the measurements when born.



Dr. Friedtjof Nansen, famous Norwegian Arctic explorer and humanitarian, is soon to arrive in America for a lecture tour through the country. He will speak on "Storm Centres of Europe" in a plea for world peace.



Captain Edward H. Watson, U. S. N., who commanded Squadron 11 of the Pacific fleet, when eight of his vessels were piled up on the rocks of the California coast in a thick fog. All the vessels were total wrecks. Several lives were lost.



Four Americans are being prominently mentioned as men from whom President Coolidge will select the man to represent America on the Reparations Commission to determine Germany's ability to pay indemnities. They are: J. P. Morgan, internationally famous banker; Roland W. Boyden, of Boston, former unofficial observer on the Allied Reparations Council; Paul D. Cravath, New York attorney and financier and Colonel James A. Logan, who succeeded Mr. Boyden as unofficial representative on the Reparations Council.



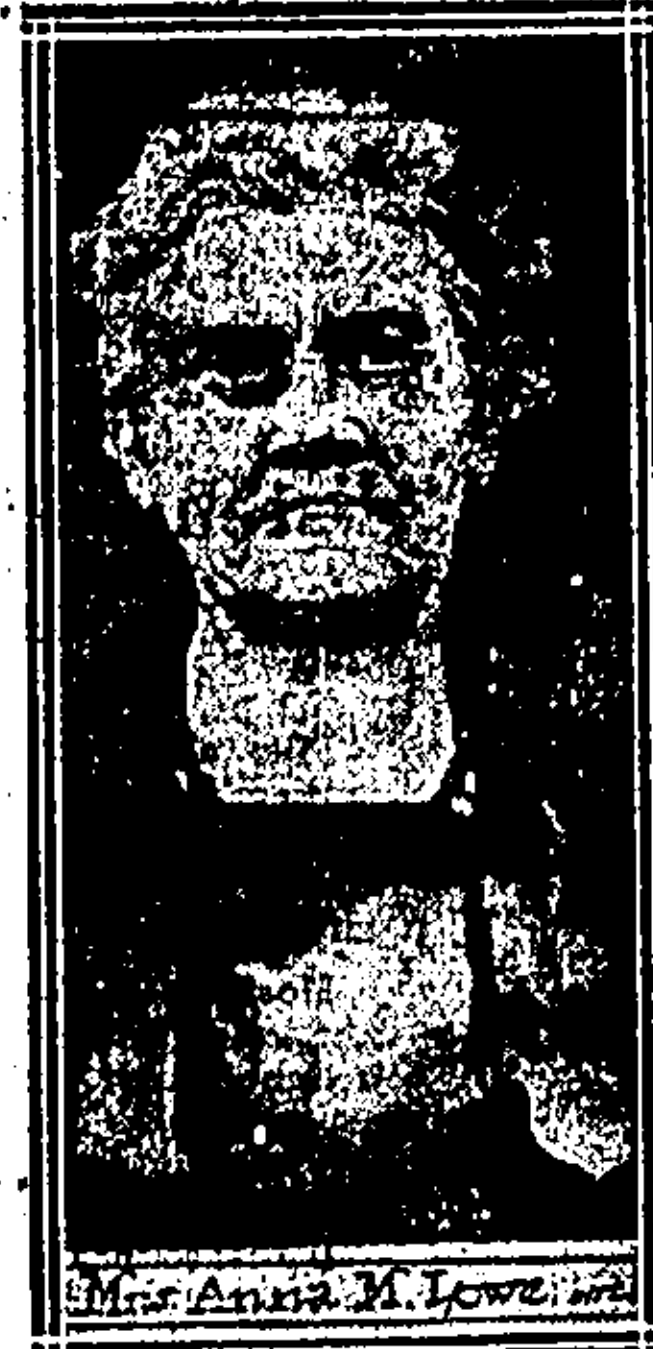
Although not a Mason, President Calvin Coolidge, to honour the memory of the first President, used the same trowel George Washington, as a Mason, used in laying the cornerstone of the National Capitol in laying the cornerstone of the \$4,000,000 George Washington Masonic Memorial near Alexandria, Va., in the presence of all the high Masonic officials of the nation.



Mrs. Betty Michaelson, of Chicago, shot and probably fatally wounded her husband, Charles Michaelson, when he walked on a floor in their apartment which she had spent hours polishing. She had been doing this in celebration of the birthday party she intended giving her baby, Audrey, whom she is shown holding.

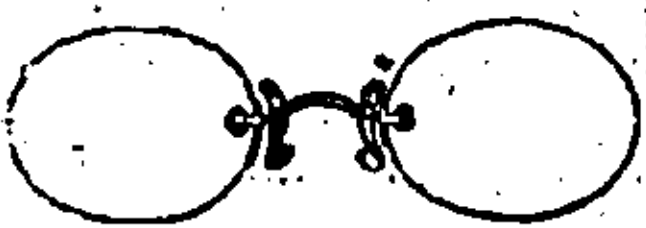


Mrs. J. E. Cousins, M. P., has just been appointed Police Magistrate in Madras, India, the first woman to hold that post in the Indian Empire.



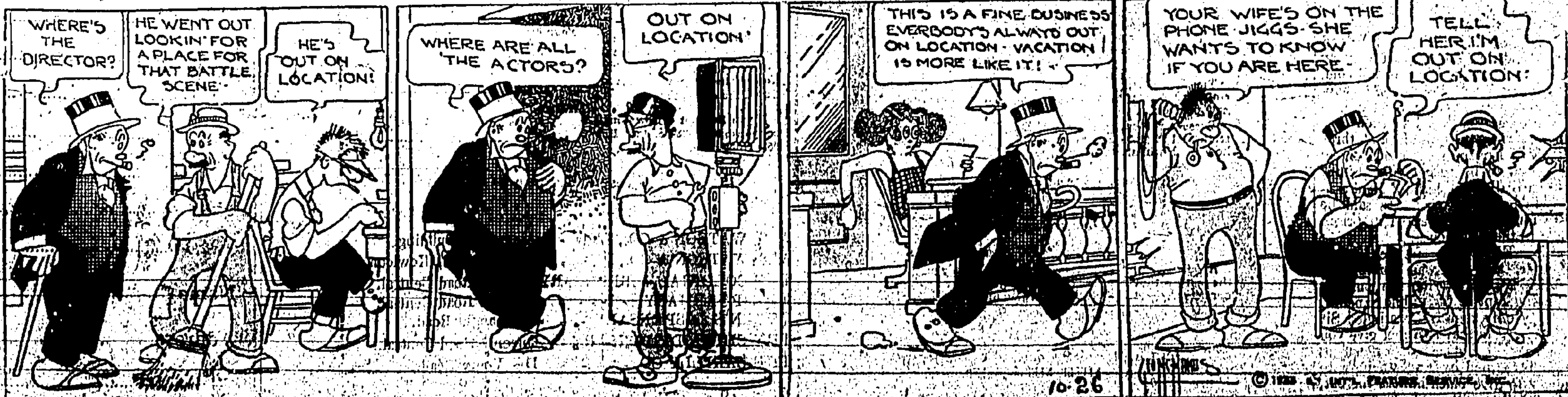
Mrs. Anna M. Lowe, is the only woman sheriff in her State. She was appointed to the office after the recent death of her husband, who had been sheriff there for 36 years. During all that time he never carried a pistol, and she is determined to continue his policy.

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Madrid	Shaw

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
 Deposits for fixed periods at rates
 to be obtained on application.

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